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IUB approves five-year energy efficiency plan for Liberty Utilities Corp.

(Des Moines) – A five-year energy efficiency plan for Liberty Utilities Corp. (Liberty) that includes a projected total of \$376,000 in energy efficiency spending was approved today by the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) in a <u>final order</u> in docket EEP-2018-0005.

Liberty's 2019-2023 plan, as approved, offers four programs that are expected to collectively generate 74,178 in therm savings. Liberty Utilities serves approximately 4,000 lowa natural gas customers in Keokuk and Montrose.

The programs approved in the energy efficiency plan include:

- Residential home energy audits that provide free direct-installation measures and will allow participating customers to receive incentives for purchase and installation of Wi-Fi thermostats, insulation, and duct sealing.
- An efficient products program that provides financial incentives for residential and small commercial customers for purchasing and installing energy efficient space heating and Wi-Fi thermostats.
- Low-income weatherization to assist qualifying residential customers in reducing their energy consumption.
- School-based programs to enhance awareness of energy efficiency and conservation through hands-on lessons and energy savings kits to middle school students.

The plan was approved following a settlement agreement between the utility company and the Office of Consumer Advocate, a division of the Iowa Department of Justice. The IUB found the plan to be cost-effective as a whole.

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